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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Crested Butte Mountain Resorts Ski Area Projects

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) is now seeking comments on a proposal submitted by Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) to pursue select projects from its 2013 Master Development Plan (MDP). The Forest Service has accepted this proposal, and is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze and disclose the potential environmental effects of implementing the projects. The publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register (anticipated on November 5, 2015) initiated a 30-day comment period. Therefore, the comment period is expected to end on December 7, 2015. The NOI provides the sole means of calculating the close of the comment period. The GMUG also invites you to join us at two public meetings to further understand and discuss the proposed projects. The first meeting will be on November 18, 2015 (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at the Fred Field Western Heritage Center (275 S. Spruce Street, Gunnison, CO 81230) and a second meeting the following day, November 19, 2015 (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.), at CBMRs Lodge at Mountaineer Square Conference Center (620 Gothic Road, Crested Butte, CO 81225).

The proposed projects focus on developing the main mountain and include the following primary elements: construction of new intermediate and advanced ski trails and glades in Teo Park and Teo Drainage; construction of two new lifts (Teo Drainage, and Teo Park), and realignment of the existing North Face lift; new snowmaking infrastructure on five existing trails; construction of approximately 15 miles of multi-use and mountain biking trails; and a SUP boundary adjustment and amendment to the 1991 GMUG National Forests Amended Land and Resource Management Plan. A full description of the project can be found at: www.crestedbutte-eis.com.

Written comments should be submitted to Scott Armentrout, Forest Supervisor, c/o Aaron Drendel, Recreation Staff Officer, Gunnison Ranger District, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO 81230; or by e-mail to: cbmr@fs.fed.us (please include Crested Butte EIS Projects in the subject line). Comments can be hand delivered between the hours of 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, excluding holidays.

To be most effective when submitting comments, please include: (1) name, address, email address, and organization represented, if any; (2) the title of the project for which the comment is being submitted; and (3) specific facts, concerns or issues, and supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider.

The next opportunity to comment on this project will occur following the release of the draft EIS.

Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under 36 CFR 218.8. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either

sign the comment or verify identity upon request. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this project and will be subject to review pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. For additional information concerning the project, contact: Aaron Drendel, Recreation Staff Officer, Gunnison Ranger District. Mr. Drendel can be reached by phone at (970) 641-0471 or by email at adrendel@fs.fed.us.
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